

Westlake Charter School

BOARD REPORT

August 14, 2025

TOPIC/ AGENDA ITEM:

Consent Item: Proposition 28 - 2025/26 Arts and Music in Schools plan

PERSONNEL INVOLVED:

Chief Business Officer

ISSUES INVOLVED/FISCAL IMPLICATIONS (IF ANY):

On November 8, 2022, California voters approved Proposition 28: The Arts and Music in Schools (AMS) Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act. The measure required the state to establish a new, ongoing program supporting arts instruction in schools beginning in 2023/24.

Receipt of Funds

Per the California Department of Education (CDE), as a condition of receipt of funds, each Local Education Agency (LEA) is required to annually certify a number of elements including, but not limited to:

- AMS funds will be used to provide arts education programs; and
- At least 80 percent of funds will be used to employ certificated or classified employees to provide arts education program instruction; and
- Remaining funds will be used for training, supplies and materials, and arts educational partnership programs; and
- Waivers for program requirements are available to LEAs; and
- AMS funds will be used to supplement funding for arts education programs; and
- An annual board-approved report that details the type of arts education programs funded by the program must be submitted to the CDE. The report is required to be posted to the LEA's and CDE's website.

Westlake Charter School intends to comply with the CDE requirements for receipt of program funds.

Use of Funds and Annual Reporting

"Arts education program" includes (but is not limited to) instruction and training, supplies, materials, and arts educational partnership programs for instruction in dance, media arts, music, theater, and visual arts including folk art, painting, sculpture, photography, craft arts, creative expression including graphic arts and design, computer coding, animation, music composition, ensembles, script writing, costume design, film, and video.

Westlake Charter School is estimated to receive \$225,484 according to the California Department of Education. We propose to expend these funds in alignment within the governing statute. Notably, the school plans to use resources to:

- Fund 4.0 FTE AMS-aligned teaching positions;
- Provide time for staff to teach/support AMS-related electives;
- Purchase program supplies and equipment certificated teaching staff, and invest in other AMS-related programs as needed.

Program funds are allocated on a schoolwide basis, therefore, we believe all students (est. 1,500) will have access to benefits of the program, across each of our two (2) physical school sites.

More information on the Arts and Music in Schools funding program can be found here: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/eo/in/prop28artsandmusicedfunding.asp>.

IMPACT ON SCHOOL MISSION, VISION OR GOALS, (IF ANY):

Using the program funds in this manner supports our strategic vision and professional development goals.

CHIEF BUSINESS OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Board is asked to accept and approve the Art and Music in Schools plan